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Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20/Rev.1

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Diego **Simancas** (Mexico)

1. At its 33rd meeting, on 15 December 2006, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/61/13/Rev.1) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20/Rev.1. At the 33rd meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/641).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/61/SR.33).

3. The previous recommendation of the Fifth Committee on the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/61/13) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/614) is contained in document A/61/625.

4. At the 33rd meeting, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision.

5. At the same meeting, a recorded vote was requested on the draft decision.

6. Also at the 33rd meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 128 to 5, with 1 abstention (see para. 8). The voting was as follows:

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In favour:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua-Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Israel, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Côte d'Ivoire.

7. After the adoption of the draft decision, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union) (see A/C.5/61/SR.33).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statements of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report and oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20/Rev.1, appropriations up to $2,344,700 would be required under section 3, Political affairs ($2,141,800), and section 35, Staff assessment ($202,900), to be offset by the same amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, for the establishment and maintenance of the Register of Damage.

[1] A/C.5/61/13 and Rev.1.

[2] A/61/614, A/61/641.